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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer and small business owner who relies on broadband competition to provide high-speed, competitively-priced internet service. For a long time our address was stuck with only one option for "high-speed internet", but it wasn't very fast (maybe 25MB/sec?), and wasn't very cheap (over \$50 / mo). But due to open competition, a smaller competitor entered the market and provided a direct, fiber to the home connection. This 1 Gig/ sec service (>40 times faster than our prior speed) was less than \$10 more / month - practically the same price as our previous service. So we switched and have never been happier with our service.

Our former provider tried to lure us back, but did not offer fiber. Instead, they offered 250 MB / sec FOR A HIGHER PRICE THAN OUR 1 GIG SERVICE!. Without the competition that the current rules provide, we would be saddled with higher monthly bills for far inferior service.

Obviously, we are against the proposed changes to the current competition rules, and strongly urge the FCC not to make these changes.

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